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Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/626,502	SUMIDA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Brandon J. Fetterolf, PhD	1642	

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THE REPLY FILED 27 December 2006 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☒ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☒ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☒ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: 1, 8-12, 14 and 16.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☒ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☐ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____
13. ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION
Response to the Amendment

The Amendment filed on 12/27/2006 in response to the previous Final Office Action (9/27/2006) is acknowledged, but has not been entered. The amendment has not been entered because the limitation "as an agglutination accelerator, which is dissolved in a reagent, and is" would necessitate further consideration and/or search of the prior art, as well further consideration of patentability with respect to 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph and 112, 2nd paragraph.

Claims 1, 8-12, 14 and 16 are currently pending and under consideration.

The Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed by the inventor, Kyoichi Sumida, on 12/27/2006 is insufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 1, 8-12, 14 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eda et al. (U.S. 6248,597, 2001) and Shigenobu et al. (WO 02/018953, 2002) in further view of Craig et al. (US 4,401,765, 1983) as set forth in the last Office action because the declaration submitted under 37 CFR 1.132 fails to provide a good and sufficient reason why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office Action.

Rejections Maintained:

Claims 1, 8-12, 14 and 16 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eda et al. (U.S. 6248,597, 2001) and Shigenobu et al. (WO 02/018953, 2002) in further view of Craig et al. (US 4,401,765, 1983).

In response to this rejection, Applicants contend that the claimed invention exhibits superior results, and there is not motivation to combine the cited references. For example, Applicants point to Table of 1 of Applicants disclosure and compared these results with the corresponding polymers of Shigenobu et al, wherein Applicants assert that the results of Table 1 clearly show that the claimed invention is superior to the polymers disclosed in Shigenobu et al. for an assay of PSA.

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Moreover, Applicants provide further experimental data in the form of the Declaration under Rule 1.132 to demonstrate the superior effects of the claimed invention.

As Applicants arguments appear to be solely drawn to the currently amended claims which have not been entered and the Declaration under 1.132 which has not been considered, such arguments have not been considered.

Therefore, NO claim is allowed


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brandon J. Fetterolf, PhD whose telephone number is (571)-272-2919. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shanon Foley can be reached on 571-272-0898. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

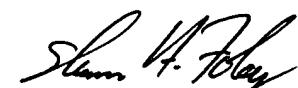
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